

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 28th 2002

Nuacht na Gaeilge

This news bulletin is read in Irish every Sunday at 11.30 hrs local time on 7.068 MHz. Newsreaders Paddy EI7GK and Mickey EI6HY welcome call-ins regardless of the level of Irish, so don't be shy about calling in even if you can only give "cúig is a naoi". Paddy has even got emails from SWL's in England and Germany. Beidh Fáilte rómhat.

Counties Contest Final Reminder

A reminder to all participants in the Spring 2 metres counties contest that the closing date for the receipt of logs is the 30th of April (2002)! All logs must be postmarked or e-mailed by this date, and this rule will be strictly enforced in order to facilitate the timely preparation of results.

The Contest Manager is Noel Walsh EI2JC, his address is 53 Kennedy Park, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary. E-mail nwalsh@eircom.ie OR ei2jc@hotmail.com All logs received by e-mail have been acknowledged and logs may also be sent to IRTS PO box 462 and contests@irts.ie for forwarding to Noel.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next committee meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 1st of May in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All committee members are asked to attend.

Rare WAI Squares

Joe Fadden EI3IX is hoping to travel to Inishkea (South island) which is off the Mayo coast either on the 11th or 12th of May, subject to ferry, weather conditions etc.

There are 2 WAI squares on the south island F51 & F52. The maidenhead locator is IO44. Joe intends operating on HF (Mainly 7.068 Mhz) and also on VHF/UHF (2m, 4m, 6m & 70cm) using inverted V's for HF, yagis for 2m & 70cm, Vertical for 4m and possibly a vertical for 6 meters.

If there is any change with the dates due to any unforeseen problems Joe will try and give as much notice as possible.

Terenure Rally

The Terenure Rally will take place on Sunday the 26th of May at Terenure College Concert Hall. Doors open at 11.00 am. Admission is €3.00. For information on stalls, contact George EI2CPB on 086-2586103.

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The next IRTS committee meeting will take place on May the 18th in Portlaoise.

Space News

AMSAT has announced that two new French Amateur Radio mini satellites or picosats are planned for launch on May 3rd. The satellites will be launched as secondary payloads with the SPOT-5 satellite.

The two hamsats are being funded, designed and built by AMSAT-France. Both will transmit recorded voice messages using Narrow Band FM along with digital telemetry. Data will be transmitted at 400 baud BPSK. Downlink frequencies are listed as 145.84 MHz and 435.27 MHz.

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4883555. Items can also be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall EI7IS at QTHR or via e-mail to ei7is@qsl.net or cyberis@e-merge.ie. Items can also be sent to Mark over the phone at 087-6302026.

News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both news services.

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